

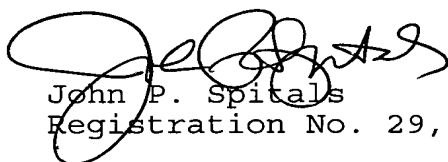
In Claim 11, line 1, delete "one of the proceeding claims" with --Claim 7--.

In Claim 12, line 1, delete "one of" and replace "Claims 7 through 11" with --Claim 7--.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted to eliminate improper multiple dependencies. An early action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



John P. Spitals  
Registration No. 29,215

(213) 977-1001